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HOUSE RESOLUTION 12
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A RESOLUTION to honor Josh Ward for establishing a new
bench press world record for his age group.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, bring honor to the state of Tennessee and serve as fine examples of the quality of this state's populace; and

WHEREAS, Josh Ward is one such noteworthy citizen who has attained an unparalleled measure of athletic success; he recently established the world record for bench press competition in the thirteen year-old to fifteen year-old division of weightlifting; and

WHEREAS, with a single repetition of 425 pounds, Josh Ward smashed the former world record by an amazing 95 pounds at the American Powerlifting Association meet in this state's Capital City; he accomplished this Herculean feat at the age of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous competitor utilizes his great strength on the gridiron as well as in the gymnasium; he is a standout football player for the Sevier County Smoky Bears and displays athletic versatility by also competing in basketball; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to excelling athletically, Josh Ward makes academic concerns an important priority; this well-rounded, gregarious young man is an honor student at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Josh Ward is an active participant in his church and maintains the highest standards of honesty and integrity in all facets of his life; and

WHEREAS, Josh Ward's remarkable achievement is a source of pride for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toby and Penny Ward; Toby Ward, an offensive line coach for Sevier County High School's football team, assisted in Joshua's training, while Mrs. Ward provided significant emotional support; and

WHEREAS, Josh Ward epitomizes the spirit and commitment which are vital in achieving success and which are also characteristic of a true Tennessean; the talent and determination exhibited by this young man surely bode well for his future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Josh Ward's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor bench press world record holder Josh Ward of Sevier County High School on his impressive exploits and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.